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Melania Trump says it's 'heartbreaking' to watch teens grapple with the fallout from revenge porn

By **DARLENE SUPERVILLE**
Associated Press

Melania Trump on Monday lobbied on Capitol Hill for a bill that would make it a federal crime to post intimate imagery online, whether real or fake, and said it was "heartbreaking" to see what teenagers and especially girls go through after they are victimized by people who spread such content.

It was her first solo public appearance since she resumed the role of first lady on Jan. 20. She called on the Republican-controlled Congress to prioritize the well-being of young people. "This toxic environment can be severely damaging. We must prioritize their well-being by equipping them with the support and tools necessary to navigate this hostile

digital landscape," she said during a roundtable discussion about the "Take It Down Act" at the U.S. Capitol. "Every young person deserves a safe online space to express themselves freely, without the looming threat of exploitation or harm," she said. The Senate passed the "Take It Down Act" in February, and Melania Trump's



First lady Melania Trump, from center to right, followed by Sen. Ted Cruz, R-Texas, and House Speaker Mike Johnson, R-La., walks through the Capitol, Monday, March 3, 2025, in Washington.

Associated Press

public backing could help usher it through the Republican-controlled House and to President Donald Trump's desk to become law. The bill's chief sponsors are Sens. Ted Cruz, R-Texas, and Amy Klobuchar, D-Minn., and Reps. Maria Salazar, R-Fla., and Madeleine Dean, D-Pa. Cruz, who hosted the discussion in the Capitol's Mansfield Room, told the first lady that her leadership "is incredibly important and I'm confident it's going to play a critical role in accelerating the passage of this bill and getting it passed into law." He said the measure was inspired by Elliston Berry and her mother, who visited his office after Snapchat refused for nearly a year to remove an AI-generated non-consensual graphic image, also known as a "deepfake," of the then 14-year-old. Elliston and other victims shared their stories Monday. Meta, which owns and operates Facebook and Instagram, supports the legislation. The bill would make it a federal crime to knowingly publish or threaten to publish intimate imagery online without an individual's consent, including realis-

tic, computer-generated intimate images of people who can be identified. Social media platforms would have 48 hours to remove such images and take steps to delete duplicate content after a victim's request. "Having an intimate image – real or AI-generated – shared without consent can be devastating and backs many efforts to help prevent it," communications director Andy Stone said on X. House Speaker Mike Johnson, R-La., also attended the roundtable and expressed his support for the bill but offered no timetable for a vote. "We are anxious to put it on the floor in the House, to get it to President Trump's desk for his signature because we've got to do what we can to stop this, and I am a full supporter of it," Johnson said. The first lady also took a swipe at Democrats, saying she expected more of them to participate in the discussion. California Rep. Ro Khanna was the only Democrat in the room. "Surely as adults, we can prioritize America's children ahead of partisan politics," she said. □

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Trump says 25% tariffs on Mexican and Canadian imports will start Tuesday, with 'no room' for delay

By ZEKE MILLER, JOSH BOAK
and ROB GILLIES
Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Donald Trump said Monday that 25% taxes on imports from Mexico and Canada would start Tuesday, sparking renewed fears of a North American trade war that already showed signs of pushing up inflation and hindering growth. "Tomorrow — tariffs 25% on Canada and 25% on Mexico. And that'll start," Trump told reporters in the Roosevelt Room. "They're going to have to have a tariff."

Trump has said the tariffs are to force the two U.S. neighbors to step up their fight against fentanyl trafficking and stop illegal immigration. But Trump has also indicated that he wants to even the trade imbalance with both countries as well and push more factories to relocate in the United States.

His comments quickly rattled the U.S. stock market, with the S&P 500 index down 2% in Monday afternoon trading. It's a sign of the political and economic risks that



The flags of Mexico, Canada and the United States are shown near the Ambassador Bridge, Monday, Feb. 3, 2025, in Detroit. Associated Press

Trump feels compelled to take, given the possibility of higher inflation and the possible demise of a decades-long trade partnership with Mexico and Canada.

Yet the Trump administration remains confident that tariffs are the best choice to boost U.S. manufacturing and attract foreign investment. Commerce Secretary Howard Lutnick said Monday that the computer chipmaker TSMC had expanded its investment in the United States because of the possibility of separate 25% tariffs.

In February, Trump put a 10% tariff on imports from China. He reemphasized Monday that the rate would be doubling to 20% on Tuesday. Trump provided a one-month delay in February as both Mexico and Canada promised concessions. But Trump said Monday that there was "no room left for Mexico or for Canada" to avoid the steep new tariffs, which were also set to tax Canadian energy products such as oil and electricity at a lower 10% rate.

"If Trump is imposing tariffs,

we are ready," said Canadian Foreign Minister Mélanie Joly. "We are ready with \$155 billion worth of tariffs and we're ready with the first tranche of tariffs, which is \$30 billion."

Joly said Canada has a very strong border plan and explained that to Trump administration officials last week. She said the diplomatic efforts are continuing. She spoke after Trump made his comments Tuesday.

Mexico President Claudia Sheinbaum went into Monday waiting to see what Trump would say.

"It's a decision that depends on the United States government, on the United States president," Sheinbaum said ahead of Trump's statement. "So whatever his decision is, we will make our decisions and there is a plan, there is unity in Mexico."

Both countries have tried to show action in response to Trump's concerns. Mexico sent 10,000 National Guard troops to their shared border to crack down on drug trafficking and illegal immigration. Canada named a

fentanyl czar, even though smuggling of the drug from Canada into the United States appears to be relatively modest.

As late as Sunday, it remained unclear what choice Trump would make on tariff rates. Lutnick told Fox News Channel's "Sunday Morning Futures" that the decision was "fluid."

"He's sort of thinking about right now how exactly he wants to play it with Mexico and Canada," Lutnick said. "And that is a fluid situation. There are going to be tariffs on Tuesday on Mexico and Canada. Exactly what they are, we're going to leave that for the president and his team to negotiate."

Treasury Secretary Scott Bessent said Mexico has also offered to place 20% taxes on all imports from China as part of talks with the United States. Bessent told CBS News on Sunday that China would "eat" the cost of the tariffs, instead of passing them along to the U.S. businesses and consumers that import their products in the form of higher prices. □

Former U.S. Rep. Lincoln Diaz-Balart, a champion of democracy in Cuba, dies at 70

By The Associated Press

Lincoln Diaz-Balart, a Cuban American who fought tirelessly for a free Cuba and who spent 18 years in the U.S. House of Representatives as a member of a politically powerful South Florida family, has died after battling cancer, his family said on Monday. He was 70.

His brother, U.S. Rep. Mario Diaz-Balart, said in a statement on the social platform X that his brother was "a defender of the silenced and oppressed, author of the

democracy requirement for the lifting of U.S. sanctions against the Cuban dictatorship."

A public mass memorial will be celebrated at a later date, the family said.

"Lincoln's profound love for the United States and his relentless commitment to the cause of a free Cuba guided him throughout his life and his 24 years in elected public service, including 18 years in the U.S. House of Representatives," Mario Diaz-Balart said in the statement.

Lincoln Diaz-Balart served in the Florida state House from 1987 to 1989, the state Senate from 1989 to 1993 and represented South Florida in Congress from 1993 to 2011. During his time in Congress, Diaz-Balart significantly affected U.S. foreign policy in Latin America, including codifying into law the Cuban embargo and enacting the Nicaraguan Adjustment and Central American Relief Act. The act provided deportation protections and immigration benefits to Cubans,



Former Congressman Lincoln Diaz-Balart speaks while joined by his brother U.S. Rep. Mario Diaz-Balart, R-Fla., center, and U.S. Rep. Ileana Ros-Lehtinen, R-Fla., right, as they discuss their views on the opening of the American embassy in Havana, during a news conference, Aug. 12, 2015, in Miami.

Associated Press

Nicaraguans, Salvadorians and Guatemalans.

Rafael Diaz-Balart's sister was

Castro's first wife, making the younger Diaz-Balarts the dictator's nephews. □

Some New York prison guards are fired for ignoring a deal to end their illegal strike

A wildcat strike by New York state prison guards stretched into a third week Monday, prompting officials to start firing workers for failing to abide by a deal to end the illegal labor action.

The state's homeland security commissioner, Jackie Bray, said terminations began Sunday and that on Monday the state would begin canceling health insurance for correctional officers who have remained on strike. Their dependents will also lose coverage.

Fewer than 10 officers have been fired so far, Bray said, while thousands are in line to lose their health insurance benefits.

"None of these actions we take lightly," Bray said. "We have tried at every turn to get people back to work without taking these actions." A message seeking comment was left with the officers' union, the New York State Correctional Officers & Police Benevolent Association.

At the same time, some workers at the Mid-State Correctional Facility in Marcy, New York, have been put on administrative leave following the death Saturday of a 22-year-old prisoner. The New York Times, citing accounts from other inmates, reported that he was beaten



Officers at the Auburn Correctional Facility continue to hold the line on the third day of their strike to protest unsafe working conditions in Auburn, N.Y., on Thursday, Feb. 20, 2025.

Associated Press

by correctional officers. Mid-State is located across the street from the Marcy Correctional Facility, where six guards have been charged with murder in the death of Robert Brooks, who was beaten by officers in December.

"Now that lawmakers feel an obligation to rein in these atrocities, guards are engaging in an illegal work stoppage as a distraction," Jose Saldana, the director of the Release Aging People in Prison Campaign, said in a statement.

"To put it more bluntly, guards

are holding hostage tens of thousands of incarcerated people, whose basic survival needs are often going unmet, in order to demand even more power to harm those in their custody," Saldana said.

Corrections officers began walking out Feb. 17 to protest working conditions.

Last Thursday, New York Gov. Kathy Hochul announced a binding agreement between the state and officers' union to end the picketing. Officers were required to return to work by Saturday to avoid being disciplined for striking.

The deal included ways to address staffing shortages and minimize mandatory 24-hour overtime shifts. It also offers a temporary bump in overtime pay, a potential change in pay scale and the suspension of a prison reform law that strikers blamed for making prisons less safe.

The strike violated a state law barring walkouts by most public employees. Hochul deployed the National Guard to some prisons to take the place of striking workers.

Corrections Commissioner Daniel Martuscello said Mon-

day that the number of facilities with striking workers had dropped from 38 to 32.

Visiting is still suspended at all state prisons, Martuscello said.

The deal to end the strike included the 90-day suspension of a law limiting the use of solitary confinement. During the pause, the state was to evaluate if reinstating the law would "create an unreasonable risk" to staff and inmate safety.

The state also agreed to pay overtime for the next month at a rate of 2½ times regular pay instead of the usual 1½ times and, within four months, to finish analyzing a union request to raise the salary grade for officers and sergeants.

The state and union agreed to staffing and operational inefficiencies at each facility in an effort to relieve strain on existing staff.

"No matter when this ends or how this ends, our long term plan must be and is to recruit more corrections officers because our facilities run safer when we're fully staffed," Bray said, noting incentives that would include a \$3,000 referral bonus for existing employees. "That work can't really begin in earnest until folks return to work and we end the strike." □



Max Oliver moves a lobster to the banding table aboard his boat while fishing off Spruce Head, Maine, on Aug. 31, 2021.

Associated Press

By **PATRICK WHITTLE**
Associated Press

SCARBOROUGH, Maine (AP) —A group of lobster fishermen can sue one of the world's largest seafood watchdog groups for defamation, a federal court has

ruled, over a report that described Maine lobster as an unwise choice for consumers.

The threat to a rare whale species from getting tangled in fishing gear has prompted Monterey Bay Aquarium in

Lobster fishermen can sue environmental group for defamation, judge says

California to caution against eating a variety of lobster that New England fishermen have harvested for centuries. Seafood Watch, a conservation program operated by the aquarium, placed lobster from the U.S. and Canada on its do-not-eat "red list" in 2022. Some retailers pulled lobster from stores after the recommendation.

Judge John Woodcock ruled last month that the fishermen made a case that they suffered damage to their industry's reputation as a result of the red-listing, after the aquarium made a bid in U.S. District Court in Maine to have the 2023 lawsuit tossed. A spokesperson

for the aquarium said Sunday it plans to appeal, but Woodcock's ruling means the lawsuit is moving forward. "Reputation and goodwill cannot be adequately replaced through awarding damages and this injury lingers as long as the 'red listing' does," Woodcock wrote. The lobster industry, based largely in Maine, is one of the most lucrative fisheries in the U.S., valued at more than half a billion dollars at the docks last year. Entanglement in lobster gear is also one of the most significant threats to the North Atlantic right whale, which numbers less than 400.

The aquarium has a right to

communicate its recommendations to the public, said Emerson Brown, the spokesperson for the aquarium, which plans to appeal the ruling "to protect our ability to share critical information with the public."

The Maine Lobstermen's Association, one of the groups that filed the lawsuit, described Woodcock's decision as "significant" in a statement.

"Maine lobstermen have been stewards of the ocean for generations, and we are committed to defending our livelihood against baseless claims," said Patrice McCarron, executive director of the association. □

Ukraine's Zelenskyy says end of war with Russia is 'very, very far away'

By ILLIA NOVIKOV

Associated Press

KYIV, Ukraine (AP) — A deal to end the war between Ukraine and Russia "is still very, very far away," Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy said, adding that he believed Ukraine's long-term partnership with the U.S. was strong enough that American support would continue despite recent fraught relations with U.S. President Donald Trump.

"I think our relationship (with the U.S.) will continue, because it's more than an occasional relationship," Zelenskyy said late Sunday, referring to Washington's support for the past three years of war.

"I believe that Ukraine has a strong enough partnership with the United States of America" to keep aid flowing, he said at a briefing in Ukrainian before leaving London.

Zelenskyy publicly was upbeat despite the recent heated Oval Office blow up with Trump and Vice President JD Vance during which they accused him of being "disrespectful" and said he should show more gratitude for America's help. The turn of events is unwelcome for Ukraine, whose understrength army is having a hard time keep bigger Russian forces at bay.



Canada Prime Minister Justin Trudeau, second row, looks towards Ukraine's President Volodymyr Zelenskyy as he talks to Polish Prime Minister Donald Tusk, bottom right, as they take part in a family photo during the Securing our Future Summit on Ukraine and European security at Lancaster House in London, Sunday, March 2, 2025.

Associated Press

The Ukrainian leader was in London to attend U.K. Prime Minister Keir Starmer's effort to rally his European counterparts around continuing — and likely much increased — support for Ukraine from the continent amid political uncertainty in the U.S., and Trump's overtures toward Russian President Vladimir Putin.

Asked by a reporter to comment about the outlines of a new European initiative to end Russia's war, Zelenskyy said: "We are talking about

the first steps today, and therefore, until they are on paper, I would not like to talk about them in great detail." "An agreement to end the war is still very, very far away, and no one has started all these steps yet. The peace that we foresee in the future must be just, honest, and most importantly, sustainable," he added.

Trump slammed Zelenskyy later Monday for suggesting that the end of Russia's war against Ukraine is still far off. "This is the worst statement

that could have been made by Zelenskyy, and America will not put up with it for much longer!" Trump said in a post on his Truth Social platform. "It is what I was saying, this guy doesn't want there to be Peace as long as he has America's backing and, Europe, in the meeting they had with Zelenskyy, stated flatly that they cannot do the job without the U.S. — Probably not a great statement to have been made in terms of a show of strength against Russia," Trump added

in his post. "What are they thinking?"

The White House wants Zelenskyy to show more openness to potential concessions in order to bring the fighting to an end, but Zelenskyy resisted that idea while pressing for security guarantees from Washington during last Friday's meeting.

Friedrich Merz, Germany's likely next leader after the recent election, said Monday that he didn't think last Friday's Oval Office blow-up was spontaneous.

He said that he had watched the scene repeatedly. "My assessment is that it wasn't a spontaneous reaction to interventions by Zelenskyy, but apparently an induced escalation in this meeting in the Oval Office," Merz said. He said that he was "somewhat astonished by the mutual tone," but there has been "a certain continuity to what we are seeing from Washington at the moment" in recent weeks.

"I would advocate for us preparing to have to do a great, great deal more for our own security in the coming years and decades," he said. Even so, Merz said that he wanted to keep the trans-Atlantic relationship alive.

"I would also advocate doing everything to keep the Americans in Europe," he said. □

U.N. rights chief laments 'shift in direction' in United States

GENEVA (AP) — The U.N. human rights chief has expressed concern about a "fundamental shift in direction" taking place in the United States when it comes to human rights.

Volker Türk, the U.N. high commissioner for human rights, also praised bipartisan support for human rights for decades and the "generosity and compassion" of the American people in a sweeping address on his concerns on dozens of issues and country situations, including China, India, Russia, the United States and beyond.

"I am now deeply worried by the fundamental shift in direction that is taking place domestically and internationally," the rights chief told the

Human Rights Council. "Divisive rhetoric is being used to distort, deceive and polarize. This is generating fear and anxiety among many."

Türk did not specifically refer to the Trump administration, which announced pulling the United States out of the 47-member-country council in January — even though the Biden administration had already said last year that the U.S. would not seek a new three-year term.

A seat reserved for a U.S. representative sat empty on Monday, the start of the Week 2 of the council's 5-1/2 week session. The rights body holds three sessions a year. Alluding to the United States, Türk lamented how policies aimed to protect people from discrimination "are now

labeled as discriminatory," and said intimidation and threats "notably against journalists and public officials" risk undermining the work of institutions and independent media.

The rights chief also issued a stark warning about the threat from unchecked use and development of technology. He mentioned the power of "a handful of unelected tech oligarchs" and insisted it's time to adapt fast to the threat of rising oppression and autocratic rule.

"Individuals and corporations have never had so much control and influence over our lives," Türk said.

"A handful of unelected tech oligarchs have our data: they know where we live, what we do, our genes



U.N. High Commissioner for Human Rights (UNHCR) Volker Türk speaks during a press conference about the publication of UN Human Rights fact-finding report on Bangladesh protests, at the European headquarters of the United Nations, in Geneva, Switzerland, Wednesday, Feb. 12, 2025.

Associated Press

and our health conditions, our thoughts, our habits, our desires and our fears. They know us better than we know ourselves. And they know how to manipulate us."

"Any form of unregulated power can lead to oppression, subjugation, and even tyranny — the playbook of the autocrat," Türk said. "We must adapt — fast." □

Iranian government official who was key to 2015 nuclear deal tenders resignation under pressure



Iranian Foreign Minister Mohammad Javad Zarif speaks during a conference in Tehran, Iran, Feb. 23, 2021.

By NASSER KARIMI
Associated Press

TEHRAN, Iran (AP) — A former Iranian foreign minister who was key to the country's 2015 nuclear deal with world powers reportedly tendered his resignation Monday from the government of reformist President Masoud Pezeshkian, caving in to pressure from hard-liners.

The resignation of Mohammad Javad Zarif signaled Tehran's rapid retreat from its outreach to the West as U.S. President Donald Trump intensifies sanctions on the country.

Zarif has served as vice president to Pezeshkian and has

long been a target of hard-liners within the country's theocracy. He had tried to resign once before as vice president. The development comes after Iran's parliament on Sunday impeached Finance Minister Abdolnasser Hemmati, who once ran for the presidency signaling he'd be willing to talk to the U.S. president directly.

While lawmakers focused on their criticism of Hemmati over Iran's plummeting rial currency, his removal also underscored the danger faced by Pezeshkian, who won election last year promising to reach out to the West to get sanctions lifted.

Associated Press

"Pezeshkian may have worse days ahead," warned Mohammad Ebrahim Ansari Lari, a reformist and a political analyst.

A new resignation from Zarif The state-run IRNA news agency reported on Monday that Zarif handed in his resignation to Pezeshkian late the previous night, though it was unclear if the president accepted it. It marked the second time Zarif has attempted to resign as Pezeshkian's vice president for strategic affairs. Writing on the social platform X, Zarif said he met Sunday with the head of the country's judiciary, Gholamhossein Mohseni-Ejei.

"Referring to the country's conditions, he recommended that I return to university to prevent further pressure on the government," Zarif wrote. "I immediately accepted." Zarif did not elaborate on what Mohseni-Ejei told him and there was no readout from the judiciary on the conversation. However, hard-liners had targeted Zarif since Pezeshkian's election, citing a law that bars people from any sensitive Iranian public office if they have children holding foreign passports. Zarif's children are naturally

born U.S. citizens as he had lived in the United States when serving as a local staffer with Iran's mission to the United Nations in New York. That had not previously stopped Zarif from rising within Iran's Foreign Ministry. Zarif has used resignation announcements in the past in his political career as leverage, including in a dispute last year over the composition of Pezeshkian's Cabinet. The president had rejected that resignation.

On Monday, Iranian government spokesperson Fatemeh Mohajerani said Pezeshkian had yet to accept Zarif's resignation.

"The law on recruiting individuals for sensitive positions will deprive the country from many of its human resources," she said, criticizing the law that entangled Zarif. Iran's position on talks harden In recent months, things have changed drastically for Iran following Trump's return to the White House. While Iran's 85-year-old supreme leader in August opened the door to negotiations with the West, Ayatollah Ali Khamenei slammed it shut again in February.

Trump, while suggesting he

was willing to negotiate with Tehran, also has embarked on a renewed "maximum pressure" campaign of sanctions.

Pezeshkian himself on Sunday seemingly followed suit with Khamenei's new edict. "My belief was that talks are better but the supreme leader has said we do not negotiate with the U.S and we will go forward in the direction of the statements of our top leader," Pezeshkian said.

The U.S. sanctions come as Iran has accelerated its production of near weapons-grade uranium, according to a report by the United Nations' nuclear watchdog seen by The Associated Press. Iran maintains its program is peaceful, but U.S. intelligence agencies assess Tehran has "undertaken activities that better position it to produce a nuclear device, if it chooses to do so." Iranian officials also increasingly hint they could seek the bomb. Both Israel and the U.S. have said they won't allow Iran to make a nuclear weapon, raising the possibility of further escalation after Tehran has twice attacked Israel during its war on Hamas in the Gaza Strip. □

U.K. data protection watchdog investigating how TikTok uses children's personal data

By SYLVIA HUI
Associated Press

LONDON (AP) — The U.K.'s data protection watchdog said Monday that it's investigating how TikTok uses the personal information of teenagers to deliver content recommendations to them when they use the social media platform.

The Information Commissioner's Office said that there are growing concerns around how social media platforms were using data generated by children's online activity to power their recommendation algorithms, and the potential for young people to see inappropriate or harmful content as a result.

The regulator said that it wanted to ensure the robustness of TikTok's safety

procedures when it comes to using the personal information of teens ranging in age from 13 to 17.

"It's what they're collecting, it's how they work," information commissioner John Edwards said. "I will expect to find that there will be many benign and positive uses of children's data in their recommender systems."

"What I am concerned about is whether they are sufficiently robust to prevent children being exposed to harm, either from addictive practices on the device or the platform, or from content that they see, or from other unhealthy practices," he said.

As part of the investigation, the regulator will also look into how online forum site Reddit and image-sharing

site Imgur use children's personal data and how they estimate or verify a child's age.

TikTok, which is operated by Chinese technology firm ByteDance, said in a statement that it was "deeply committed to ensuring a positive experience for young people on TikTok."

"Our recommender systems are designed and operate under strict and comprehensive measures that protect the privacy and safety of teens, including industry-leading safety features and robust restrictions on the content allowed in teens' feeds," it said.

In 2023, the regulator imposed a fine of 12.7 million pounds (about \$16 million) on the video sharing app for misusing children's data



A visitor passes the TikTok exhibition stands at the Gamescom computer gaming fair in Cologne, Germany, Thursday, Aug. 25, 2022.

Associated Press

and violating other protections for young users' personal information.

The office said at the time that TikTok didn't adequately identify and remove children under 13 from the platform, and that

it allowed as many as 1.4 million children in the U.K. under 13 to use the app in 2020, despite the platform's own rules prohibiting children that young from setting up accounts. □

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The Casino at St. Regis Aruba unveils its exquisite campaign for 2025: \$400,000 Cash Giveaway!

Palm Beach, Aruba –The Casino at St. Regis Aruba celebrated its grand opening on February 8th, marking a historic milestone as the St. Regis brand unveiled its first-ever casino. It was a sophisticated night welcoming guests to explore the casino's luxury interiors, immersing themselves in this extraordinary new casino, experiencing the fusion of luxury, entertainment, and refinement.

In celebration of the grand debut of the St. Regis Casino, an exquisite campaign for 2025 has been unveiled: Win \$400,000 in cash prizes! Starting with \$130,000 from March 1st till May 29th, there will be weekly drawings every Friday with \$10,000 in cash prizes, with the first prize at \$5,000 cash.

How to participate in this exquisite campaign? All members must be or become a member at the Casino VIP Desk. Every week, players need to accumulate 80 points on slot machines / \$40 Theoretical Win on table games in order to receive 1 raffle ticket. Every Friday night, players have the opportunity to win amazing cash prizes.

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Aruba says farewell to Carnival 71!



This weekend marked the conclusion of the 71st Carnival, with luxurious parades in Oranjestad and San Nicolas, and finally, the burning of Momo.

On Saturday, the Grand Parade took place in San Nicolas. By 12:00 PM, the police, together with SMAC, officially started the parade. There were nine groups, a last lap, and approximately 3,000 participants.



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At 5:08 PM, the head of the parade arrived at Joe Laveist Sport Park, and by 7:32 PM, the parade came to a stop after the truck of the Empire group encountered issues. A decision was made to stop the band's music and the last lap, according to the police. This was done for everyone's safety, as night had already fallen.

Sunday marked the official closure of Aruba's 71st Carnival celebration. A majestic parade filled with energy, joy, and dazzling costumes took over the streets of Oranjestad.

Starting at 11:00 AM, the grand parade in Oranjestad set off from the Aruba Entertainment Center. With a total of seven carnival groups, the festive atmosphere was present both on the streets and behind the barricades. Massive Brassband opened

the Grand Parade of Carnival 71 in a special and beautiful way. TOB Carnival Group led the parade, accompanied by the Aruba Carnival Queen as well as the Senior Carnival Queen. The second group was Dushi Carnival Group, which accompanied the Youth Carnival Queen. The third group was Champagne Carnival Group; the fourth was Aruba Tourist Carnival Group; the fifth was OPC Carnival Group; the sixth was Colours Carnival Group; the seventh was Los Laga Bai Carnival Group; the eighth was Empire Carnival Group, and the last group was Royal Carnival Group.

At the end of the parade, as is customary every year, the Burning of Momo took place, officially bidding farewell to Carnival 71. □

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Ayo & Casibari: Aruba's famous rock formations



(Oranjestad)—The Ayo and Casibari Rock Formations are known locally as one of the crucial sites to have in your "off-road" trip itinerary. These naturally formed rock formations as just one of the few places on the island that hold a rich history of our culture and of our ancestors.

Ayo

The Ayo Rock Formation is located in the northern part of the island, right on the road that leads you to the Black Stone Beach, and close to the Natural Bridge. The Ayo is a fenced terrain that consists of several giant boulders, resting neatly on top of or side by side each other, adding gorgeous natural architecture to the surrounding "mondi". This is also one

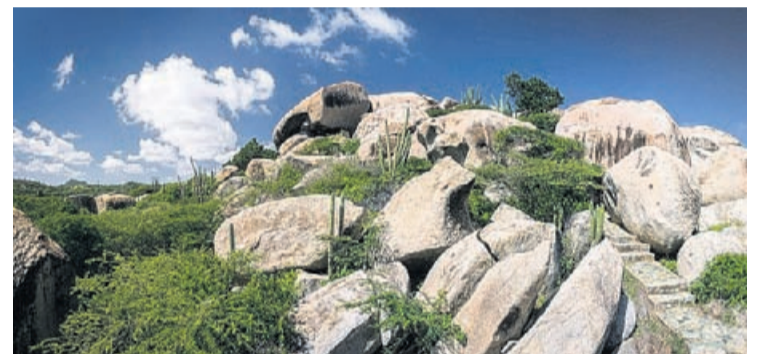
of the few sites to contain prehistoric markings of our indigenous ancestors. The Ayo Rock formation contains stairs that lead you to the top of the highest boulder, offering a breathtaking view of the Aruban backyard. The Ayo is usually quiet, as it is situated farther away from the busier parts of the island. However, this is just another charm of the site: the quiet area and the refreshing breeze offer a sense of comfort and peace.

Casibari

Probably the busier rock formation site, the Casibari is situated more in the center of the island, much closer—and more accessible—to the general public. Just like Ayo, Casibari is a fenced area contain-

ing several boulders that lay on top or lean on each other. The best aspect of the Casibari Rock Formation is the accompanying view when you climb up the top of the round, flat bolder. For this position, you can see the majority of the island and the ocean in the south. Right in front of the entrance, there is the Casibari Café and Grill, a great place to get refreshments and snack before continuing your off-road adventure!

Both sites are open free to



the public, 24 hours a day. However, unless you are taking a trip with a professional tour guide, there are no guides at the sites to help you climb the rock. So, do be careful when trudging on the boulders,

and make sure to befriend any roaming goats you see along the way! □

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Dining in? Try making a local favorite How to make “pan bati”

(Oranjestad)—If you're ever up for an Aruban snack, try making another Aruban classic appetizer called Pan Bati. Similar to a pancake both in appearance and cooking, this is a super easy meal that adults and children will both enjoy. Here's how to make it!

Ingredients:

2 cups of all purpose flour

1 cup grams of fine corn-meal (we recommend the Harina PAN brand)
2 tbsp baking powder
1 1/3 cup of milk
1 pinch of salt
2 tbsp of granulated sugar
Oil for cooking

Instructions:

Add all the dry ingredients in a bowl first, and stir until well mixed. Then add the

milk and beat until reached a pancake-like consistency. If more moisture is needed, add some water until reached desired consistency.

In a hot pan with oil, pour in enough batter to cover the bottom of the pan. Just like pancakes, flip the pan bati when one side turns golden brown. When your pan bati



is ready, place on a plate and cover with a clean kitchen towel.

Traditionally, pan bati is cut in triangle pieces, and is

often eaten as a side dish with soup, fried fish or stews. However, it is also casually enjoyed with some butter and cheese on top! □

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For today we received a lovely message from Jim & Eileen McDonald from Readville, MA & Rob & Linda McNally from Ashland, MA, USA.

They wrote to us saying: "Aruba to us is: friendships made while enjoying and exploring the peace and beauty of Aruba."

Thank you for sending us this wonderful message sharing what Aruba means to you with us and our readers! □

Snakes you may encounter on Aruba



(Oranjestad)—If you have ever or will ever go off-roading on the island, you may encounter three types of snakes that are dominant on the island. The Cascabel, Santanero and Boa differ from each other in a couple ways, and local perspective on each one may help you understand what you need to do if you ever were to encounter one during your touring session on the island.

Cascabel (*Crotalus unicolor*)

The small Cascabel or Aruba Island Rattlesnake averages 70 cm in length. The body color is often uniform gray or light brown. There may be a faint pattern of diamond shaped markings on the back. This pattern is most noticeable on younger snakes. The most distinc-

tive feature of this snake is the rattle at the end of its tail which makes a buzzing sound when the snake is alarmed. Cascabels are shy and not aggressive, but their venom can be dangerous to humans. In fact, it's the only venomous snake native to the island. It is best to leave this snake alone. Do not attempt to catch or kill it, as it could not only be dangerous, but this snake is also endemic to the island, and its preservation has become a legal mandate for all residents and visitors.

Cascabels hunt by waiting under bushes and fruiting trees to catch passing lizards, mice, rats, small rabbits, and an occasional bird. This is often considered to be one of the rarest rattlesnakes in the world. The range of the Cascabel is restricted to the rugged and mountainous areas of the island mostly within Arikok National Park. The Arikok National Park was designated in the early 1980s to include most of the rattlesnake's population, providing a safe refuge in which the snake can be protected and monitored. The government has also implemented outreach and education initiatives to change local perception of the snake and highlight its ecological and economic importance – it is now being promoted as a national symbol. Arikok's partnership with the Toledo zoo has safeguarded the rattlesnake ex-situ and led to a number of research projects collecting critical data on the Cascabel's abundance, life



history and habitat requirement to help guide future conservation efforts.

Santanero

The slender Santanero or Aruban Cat-eyed Snake is a small fella, typically less than 50 cm long. This snake is recognizable by the large scales on the top of its head and by its pattern of dark brown bands alternating with light brown bands. The belly is plain white or cream colored without any markings. Native as well to the island, this snake is shy and not aggressive. However, it has enlarged teeth at the back of its mouth and mild venom which is not dangerous to humans, but can paralyze small lizards and frogs. Santaneros are most active at night when they search for food.

During the day, they hide under rocks or leaves. They frequently climb trees and cactus. Santaneros eat toads, frogs, insects, and lizards. You may find Santaneros near dams during periods of rainy weather or crossing roads at night. This snake is found island wide. A Santanero in your garden will keep away the unwanted insects. If you encounter a Santanero around your garden, please do not harm this species.

Boa (*Boa constrictor*)

Boas are Aruba's largest snakes. The longest Boa found on the island was slightly less than 3 m. Newborn Boas average 35 cm. Boas are not venomous but are what is called constrictor snakes; they kill by wrapping themselves around a prey and suffocating them. The most distinctive feature of a Boa is its pattern of dark brown and tan blotches which become red toward the tail. The belly is white or cream colored with numerous black spots. Boas are excellent climbers and may be found in trees and cactus. Boas also hide in the leaves under bushes waiting to catch prey that pass. Boas catch their prey with their teeth and then constrict it in their coils. The Boa's diet consists of birds, lizards, rats, mice, and rabbits. Large Boas have been known to eat small goats and chickens. When threatened, Boas will hiss loudly. Boas are a non-native species and are invasive to the island, risking the population of native lizards and birds. The first Boas were reported on the island in 1999. Since that time they have been found across the entire island in all types of habitats. If you ever encounter a Boa, please do not approach it. Instead, please call the Arikok National Park, as they are experienced in handling Boas. □



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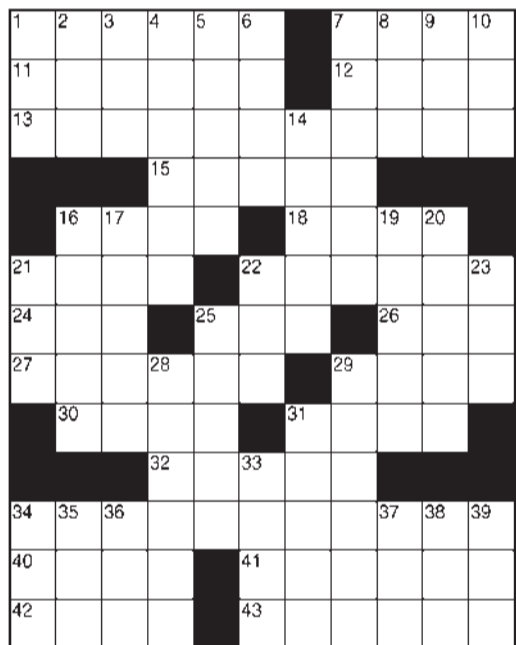
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- 21 Painter Magritte
- 22 Shrewd
- 24 Have something
- 25 Fish eggs
- 26 Sense of self
- 27 Knight's foe
- 29 Londoner, e.g.
- 30 Set eyes on
- 31 Night fliers
- 32 One a-courting
- 34 Animated film character
- 40 Bad time for Caesar
- 41 "That's it!"
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- 1 Beanie or beret
- 2 Galoot
- 3 Use the couch
- 4 Scarab or ladybug
- 5 Tart
- 6 Thyme or tarragon
- 7 Campaign event
- 8 Massage
- 9 Onassis nickname
- 10 Received
- 14 Usher's place
- 16 Bike parts
- 17 Like draft beer
- 19 Turn away
- 20 TV's Philbin
- 21 Carmine
- 22 Take in
- 23 Turn bad
- 25 Copter part
- 28 Advice to a young man
- 29 Singer Streisand
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- 34 Vault part
- 35 Praiseful poem
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- 37 Wager
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- 39 Small bit



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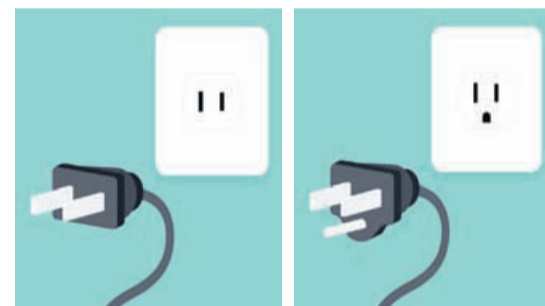
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Helpful tips for your stay on Aruba

(Oranjestad)—When traveling to another country, especially for the first time, it is always better to be over-prepared than under-prepared. That is why we have a list of basicbut important information that we think may come in handy to Aruba's visitors.

Electrical power

Aruba generally operates on 110V to 127V supply voltage and 60Hz. There are also three types of outlets used on the island: type A with two flat prongs; type B with two flat and one grounding prong, and on occasion, type F with two round prong and two earth clips on the side. However, Type A is most commonly found in homes and establishments.



Drinking water

The water that flows through the sinks of every house, hotels and other establishments is distilled and perfectly safe to drink. Aruba's drinking water exceeds WHO's international standards for water quality, so there is no need to buy bottled water from the store.



Supermarket hours

Supermarket hours may vary depending on where you are staying on the island. Generally though, most supermarkets are open from 8am to 9 or 10pm, Monday through Saturday. On Sundays, supermarkets generally close earlier; mostly around 2pm.



Safety

Since February 2024, Aruba has been categorized as the safest country in the Caribbean by The Telegraph, and many tourist that visit have often told us how they feel safe to explore the island or walk around at night. However, rare incidents do occurs, so keep yourself and your belongings safe.



Private lunar lander Blue Ghost aces moon touchdown with a special delivery for NASA



Private lunar lander Blue Ghost's shadow is seen on the moon's surface after touching down on the moon with a special delivery for NASA, Sunday, March 2, 2025.

Associated Press

By MARCIA DUNN

AP Aerospace Writer
CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (AP)

— A private lunar lander carrying a drill, vacuum and other experiments for NASA touched down on the moon Sunday, the latest in a string of companies looking to kickstart business on Earth's celestial neighbor ahead of astronaut missions.

Firefly Aerospace's Blue Ghost lander descended from lunar orbit on autopilot, aiming for the slopes of an ancient volcanic dome in an impact basin on the moon's northeastern edge of the near side.

Confirmation of successful touchdown came from the company's Mission Control outside Austin, Texas, following the action some 225,000 miles (360,000 kilometers) away. "You all stuck the landing. We're on the moon," Firefly's Will Coogan, chief engineer for the lander, reported. An upright and stable landing makes Firefly — a startup founded a decade ago — the first private outfit to put a spacecraft on the moon without crashing or falling over. Even countries have faltered, with only five claiming success: Russia, the U.S., China, India and Japan. A half hour after landing, Blue Ghost started to send back pictures from the surface, the first one a selfie somewhat obscured by the sun's glare. The second shot included the home planet, a blue dot glimmering in the blackness of space.

Two other companies' landers are hot on Blue Ghost's heels, with the next one expected to join it on the moon

later this week.

Blue Ghost — named after a rare U.S. species of fireflies — had its size and shape going for it. The squat four-legged lander stands 6-foot-6 (2 meters) tall and 11 feet (3.5 meters) wide, providing extra stability, according to the company.

Launched in mid-January from Florida, the lander carried 10 experiments to the moon for NASA. The space agency paid \$101 million for the delivery, plus \$44 million for the science and tech on board. It's the third mission under NASA's commercial lunar delivery program, intended to ignite a lunar economy of competing private businesses while scouting around before astronauts show up later this decade.

Firefly's Ray Allensworth said the lander skipped over hazards including boulders to land safely. Allensworth said

the team continued to analyze the data to figure out the lander's exact position, but all indications suggest it landed within the 328-foot (100-meter) target zone in Mare Crisium.

The demos should get two weeks of run time, before lunar daytime ends and the lander shuts down.

It carried a vacuum to suck up moon dirt for analysis and a drill to measure temperature as deep as 10 feet (3 meters) below the surface. Also on board: a device for eliminating abrasive lunar dust — a scourge for NASA's long-ago Apollo moonwalkers, who got it caked all over their spacesuits and equipment. On its way to the moon, Blue Ghost beamed back exquisite pictures of the home planet. The lander continued to stun once in orbit around the moon, with detailed shots of the moon's gray pockmarked surface. At the same time, an on-board receiver tracked and acquired signals from the U.S. GPS and European Galileo constellations, an encouraging step forward in navigation for future explorers.

The landing set the stage for a fresh crush of visitors angling for a piece of lunar business.

Another lander — a tall and skinny 15-footer (4 meters tall) built and operated by Houston-based Intuitive Machines — is due to land on the moon Thursday. It's aiming for the

bottom of the moon, just 100 miles (160 kilometers) from the south pole. That's closer to the pole than the company got last year with its first lander, which broke a leg and tipped over.

Despite the tumble, Intuitive Machines' lander put the U.S. back on the moon for the first time since NASA astronauts closed out the Apollo program in 1972.

A third lander from the Japanese company ispace is still three months from landing. It shared a rocket ride with Blue Ghost from Cape Canaveral on Jan. 15, taking a longer, windier route. Like Intuitive Machines, ispace is also attempting to land on the moon for the second time. Its first lander crashed in 2023. □

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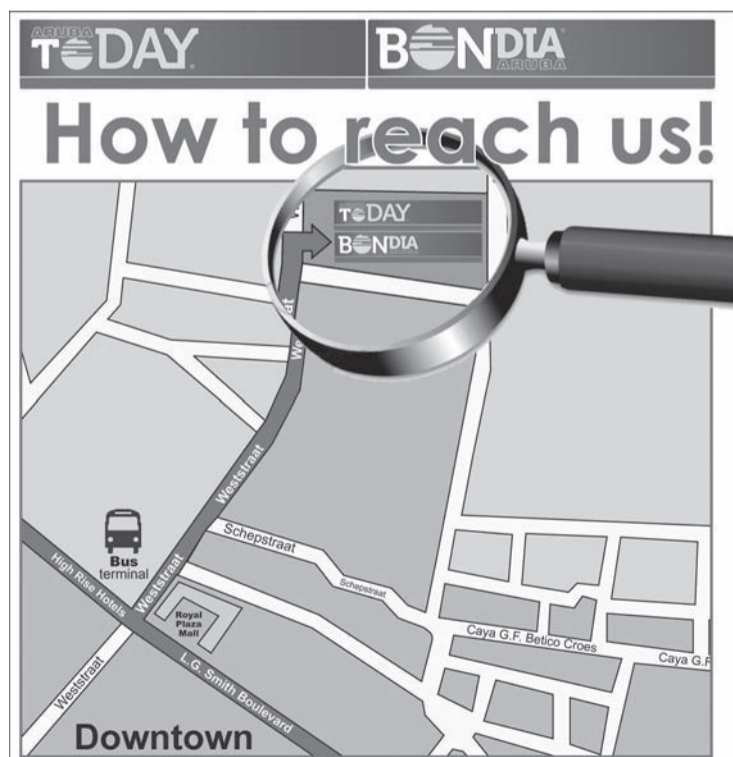
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ARUBA TODAY NEWS

Joe Gibbs senses Cup championship chemistry brewing in Bell and team after 2nd consecutive victory

By **JIM VERTUNO**
AP Sports Writer

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — Joe Gibbs knows quite a lot about what it takes to win a championship.

As an NFL coach, he won three Super Bowls. As a NASCAR team owner, his drivers have won five Cup Series titles.

And he certainly likes what he sees in Christopher Bell's consecutive victories, first in Atlanta, and then in Austin on Sunday. In both races, Bell hung around late and made the right moves to snatch victory.

From the race shop to the garage to the cockpit, Gibbs senses a championship chemistry brewing.

"I think in football every now and then you have a team that really had a great feeling about themselves, were really confident, and a great chemistry," the 84-year-old Gibbs said after Bell's latest victory.

"It doesn't happen very often, and it doesn't carry over from one year to the other. But when you kind of get that, I think it's a great feeling when you see it as a coach or an owner. I think



Christopher Bell celebrates his win during a NASCAR Cup Series auto race at Circuit of the Americas in Austin, Texas, Sunday, March 2, 2025.

that's what we have with the 20 team," Gibbs said.

Bell has shown he can win in a variety of ways on very different tracks.

Bell won in Atlanta when he snatched the win in overtime on the oval superspeedway. On the road course at the Circuit of the Americas, he led just eight of 95 laps but won a four-car duel over the final 13.

He first chased down Kyle Busch for the lead, then held off Daytona 500 winner William Byron and Tyler Reddick for the victory.

And it took clean racing to get everyone to the finish line. Bell and Busch had a confrontation after last year's race in Austin, but the pair avoided the kind of bumper banging that would have started another one.

The Austin victory was Bell's 11th career win and his third on a road course. He now has four consecutive seasons with multiple victories. He is also the first driver since Kevin Harvick in 2018 to win two of the first three races of the season.

"The last two weeks at Atlanta and here, I kind of won without the fastest car, so it's really nice to get those back

that I lost last year," Bell said. "I'm excited about what's to come. We have high expectations and high hopes and goals for this year."

The series next heads to Phoenix, where Bell is the defending champion, and then Las Vegas.

Crew chief Adam Stevens has already put down a marker on both races.

"There's no reason we can't go win the next two weeks," Stevens said. "(Austin) has no bearing on next week whatsoever, and everybody is going to bring their best stuff and do their best job. But I really have so much faith in this team and Joe Gibbs Racing as a whole, and especially my driver, that I know we'll be a factor."

And that's the confidence Gibbs has seen and heard in championship teams in the past, from the gridiron to pit lane.

"Adam, a great leader I think. He's got a young guy there (Bell) that's gaining confidence, and I think the whole team ... I do think it's hard to put everything together in Cup," Gibbs said. "But I do think, like Adam said, we have it all together." □

Associated Press

How close is Alex Ovechkin to breaking Wayne Gretzky's NHL career goals record?



Washington Capitals left wing Alex Ovechkin (8) wears a special helmet decal in support of the figure skating community and all those affected by the Flight 5342 tragedy during the first period of an NHL hockey game against the Tampa Bay Lightning, Saturday, March 1, 2025, in Washington.

Associated Press

By **The Associated Press**

Alex Ovechkin of the Washington Capitals is closing in on the NHL goals record of

894 held by Wayne Gretzky. Ovechkin has 884 goals and needs 10 to tie and 11 to break the record.

Ovechkin entered the season 42 short of breaking the regular-season record by "The Great One" that had long seemed unapproachable. The 39-year-old Russian is in his 20th NHL season and was on pace to get to 895 in February before breaking his left leg in a shin-on-shin collision in November. He missed 16 games but resumed his pursuit at Toronto in the Capitals' first game out of the Christmas break.

Alex Ovechkin's last goal scored

Ovechkin scored in the third period of a 3-1 loss to Tampa Bay on March 1, his 31st goal of the season.

What records does Ovechkin already have?

Ovechkin already owns the NHL records for power-play goals and shots on goal. He also has 135 game-win-

ning goals, tied for the most with Jaromir Jagr. Ovechkin has scored on 181 different goaltenders, breaking Jagr's record by beating Leevi Merilainen of the Senators with No. 874. Ovechkin has 178 multi-goal games, second to Gretzky (189).

Ovechkin earlier this season became the 60th player to record 700 career assists. He joined Gretzky, Gordie Howe, Jagr, Marcel Dionne and Phil Esposito as the only players with 700 goals and 700 assists.

Who are the NHL's leading scorers?

Ovechkin, after climbing past Mike Gartner (708), Esposito (717), Dionne (731), Brett Hull (741) and Jagr (766), scored goal No. 802 on Dec. 23, 2022, to move into second behind Gretzky (894).

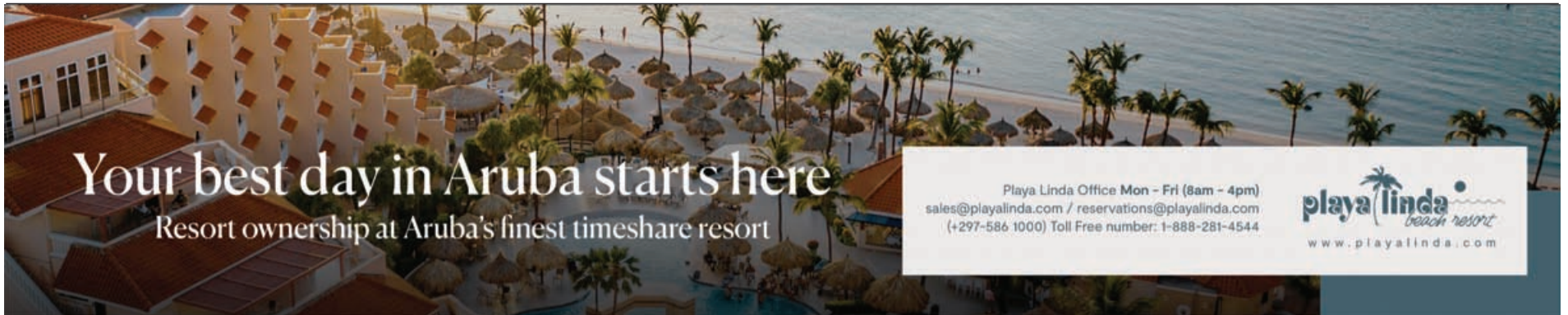
Who previously held the ca-

reer goals record?

Gretzky has held the record since scoring his 802nd goal on March 23, 1994, to pass Howe. He added 92 more before retiring in 1999 after a total of 1,487 games over 20 seasons.

Gretzky holds 55 NHL records and even if his goals mark falls to Ovechkin — which he has said he is excited about — two seem truly untouchable: 2,857 total points and 1,963 assists, which is more than anyone else has in goals and assists combined.

For NHL playoff goals, which do not count toward the record, Gretzky has the most (122). Ovechkin has 72. Gretzky also had another 56 in the World Hockey Association regular season and playoffs, while Ovechkin has 57 from his time in the Russia-based KHL. □



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Rams coach Sean McVay didn't think QB Matthew Stafford would leave during recent contract talks

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LOS ANGELES (AP) — Sean McVay says he never seriously thought his partnership with Matthew Stafford would come to an end this month after four seasons together with the Los Angeles Rams. The head coach still acknowledged Monday that he's "been sleeping better the last couple of days" since the Rams and Stafford ended their much-publicized negotiations by agreeing to a restructured contract that gives a substantial raise to the Super Bowl-winning quarterback.

"That was never something that felt like ever got close, and it was never something that I allowed my mind to go to," McVay said of the possibility of a breakup with Stafford, whose agent was allowed to speak to other teams about the quarterback's potential value in a trade.

The Rams got a deal done with the 37-year-old Stafford, whose return keeps them among the NFL's clear Super Bowl contenders for 2025. Los Angeles has made the playoffs three times in Stafford's four seasons, and the NFC West champion Rams gave the strongest challenge in the just-completed postseason to the eventual champion Philadelphia Eagles, who only narrowly won the teams' snowy divisional round meeting.

The Rams haven't revealed the size of Stafford's pay raise, but McVay said the quarterback didn't add extra years to his contract. He is still signed through the 2026 season under the original four-year extension he accepted following the Rams' Super Bowl triumph in Febru-

ary 2022.

"There was always an understanding that he wouldn't play under the number that he was due this coming year," McVay said. "When he felt good with the way the season ended, and obviously we were all ecstatic about him wanting to continue to play, now it's just figuring out

the semantics. ... There's no way to put an actual value on what he means, but what does it look like to be able to fit it (into) the landscape of our football team, where we're at, and what does that look like for the short and for the long term? Fortunately, we were able to come to a compromise and a con-



Los Angeles Rams quarterback Matthew Stafford (9) runs onto the field before an NFL football game against Philadelphia Eagles, Sunday, Nov. 24, 2024, in Inglewood, Calif.

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